

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A viewer to display images which are accessible by an associated identifying information, said viewer comprising:

a definition management note to store a number of times of display of any image which has been accessed by an associated unique identifying information; and

an importance degree control unit to count a number of times of display of any image accessed by the unique identifying information, wherein said importance degree control unit outputs the number for storage by said definition management note.

2. A viewer as claimed in claim 1, wherein  
said definition management note stores a plurality of identifying information which respectively correspond to a plurality of threshold values, and  
said importance degree control unit executes a process of an importance degree mark when the counted number of times of display of any image accessed by the unique identifying information exceeds a corresponding stored threshold value.

3. A viewer as claimed in claim 2, wherein each of the threshold values stored in said definition management note have an associated displayable image as a counting object.

1           4. A viewer as claimed in claim 3, said viewer being a browser that displays  
2 Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images and each identifying information being a  
3 URL, wherein

4           said definition management note defines an importance degree for each URL which  
5 has been accessed a number of times exceeding an associated threshold value, and

6           said importance degree control unit executes a process corresponding to an  
7 importance degree mark for each URL having an associated importance degree.

1           5. A viewer as claimed in claim 3, said viewer being a browser that displays  
2 Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images and each identifying information being a  
3 URL, wherein

4           an importance degree mark corresponding to an importance degree is defined for  
5 each URL stored in said definition management note, and

6           said importance degree control unit selects processes for each of the importance  
7 degree marks depending on the number of times of display.

1           6. A viewer as claimed in claim 3, said viewer being a browser that displays  
2 Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images and each identifying information being a  
3 URL, wherein

4           said importance degree mark is a program object which notifies users that a  
5 number of times of display of associated Web pages is indicated by a density of color, or by  
6 characters or images being displayed within the associated Web page.

1           7. A viewer as claimed in claim 3, said viewer being a browser that displays  
2 Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images and each identifying information being a  
3 URL, wherein

4           said importance degree control unit updates the counted number of times of display  
5 of a corresponding Web page before the Web page is displayed with the browser, and

6           said importance degree control unit executes a process designated by said  
7 importance degree mark on the basis of the counted number of times of display.

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1           8. A viewer as claimed in claim 3, said viewer being a browser that displays  
2 Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images and each identifying information being a  
3 URL, wherein

4           said importance degree control unit can add, change, and delete information in the  
5 definition management note relating to a Web page being displayed by said browser.

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1           9. A viewer as claimed in claim 2, wherein said viewer is a browser that  
2 displays Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images, and said importance degree  
3 control unit counts URLs as the unique identifying information, said viewer further  
4 comprising:

5           an automatic registration control unit to register Web pages that have exceeded the  
6 stored threshold value to a bookmark.

1           10. A viewer as claimed in claim 9, wherein said automatic registration control  
2 unit is provided with a sorting function to rearrange a registration sequence of Web pages in  
3 the bookmark depending on the number of times of display.

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1           11. A viewer as claimed in claim 10, further comprising:  
2 an automatic page generating unit to automatically generate Web pages from  
3 corresponding URLs registered in the bookmark.

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1           12. A viewer as claimed in claim 1, wherein said viewer is a browser that  
2 displays Web pages accessed via the Internet as the images, and said importance degree  
3 control unit counts URLs as the identifying information, said viewer further comprising:  
4 an automatic registration control unit to register Web pages that have been  
5 displayed greater than a threshold value to a bookmark.

1           13. A viewing method using a browser to display Web pages having associated  
2 URLs, comprising the steps of:  
3 counting a number of times of display of a Web page accessed by an associated  
4 URL; and  
5 executing a particular process when the counted number of times exceeds a  
6 threshold value.

1 14. The viewing method according to claim 13, wherein the particular process  
2 notifies users that a threshold value of a number of times of display has been exceeded  
3 through display in a Web page.

1 15. The viewing method according to claim 14, wherein the counted number of  
2 <sup>DI</sup> times of display of a corresponding Web page is updated before the Web page is displayed  
3 with the browser.

1 <sup>Sub</sup> 16. A display method of an image which is accessible by an associated  
2 <sup>A3</sup> identifying information, said display method comprising the steps of:  
3 storing a number of times of display of any image which has been accessed by an  
4 associated unique identifying information; and  
5 counting a number of times of display of any image accessed by the unique  
6 identifying information.

1 17. The viewing method according to claim 16, wherein said counting step  
2 counts a number of times of display of Web pages accessed with a browser via the Internet,  
3 and the unique identifying information is a URL, further comprising the step of:  
4 registering a Web page which has been displayed greater than the threshold number  
5 to a bookmark.

1 18. The viewing method according to claim 16, wherein said browser displays  
2 Web pages via the Internet, further comprising the step of:  
3 notifying users that a threshold value of a number of times of display has been  
4 exceeded through display in a Web page.

1 19. A browser to display a Web page accessed via the Internet by an associated  
2 URL, said browser comprising:

3 a definition management note to store a number of times of display of any Web  
4 page which has been accessed by an associated URL; and

5 an importance degree control unit to count a number of times of display of any  
6 Web page accessed by the URL, wherein said importance degree control unit outputs the  
7 number for storage by said definition management note.

1 20. The browser according to claim 19, wherein  
2 said definition management note stores a plurality of URLs which respectively  
3 correspond to a plurality of threshold values, and

4 said importance degree control unit executes a process of an importance degree  
5 mark when the counted number of times of display of any Web page accessed by a URL  
6 exceeds a corresponding stored threshold value.

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